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Whether it be on the gridiron, in the classroom, or as a volunteer, Ohio University students are always leaving their mark. They will spend, if all goes well, four years of their life in Athens. While students are here, they strive to make their

▲▲ The Bobcat banner waves as OU scores another touchdown during their 38-0 Homecoming victory over Bowling Green. Photo by Heather Hughes. ▲ Jessica Woods playś contently with her cat on a sunny afternoon on college green. Photo by Kasy Valentine.

'Leaving your Mark'' - The graffiti on the sidewalk is a familiar site to Richland Avenue walkers. Photo Kasy Valentine.

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name remembered through the ages by their athleticism, scholaticism, and volunteerism.

OU students have a number of ways to leave their mark on campus. They can choose the rather temporary medium of the graffiti wall, or a more prestigious

▲▲ Yearbook photo editor Sara Matyas has the tables turned on her as she is captured on film. Photo b Heather Hughes. ▲ Seniors Tami Dubick, Amy Wagenbrenner and '96 Alum Caroline Miller enjoy th Senior Trip to Mardi Gras.

▲ A student enjoys playing the the endless Athens rain.

honor of being elected Student Senate President. They can attain academic honors at graduation, and others can be recognized by setting records in their respective sports. But no matter how they do it, the students at OU are continually trying to be recognized and remembered.

This year Ohio University students

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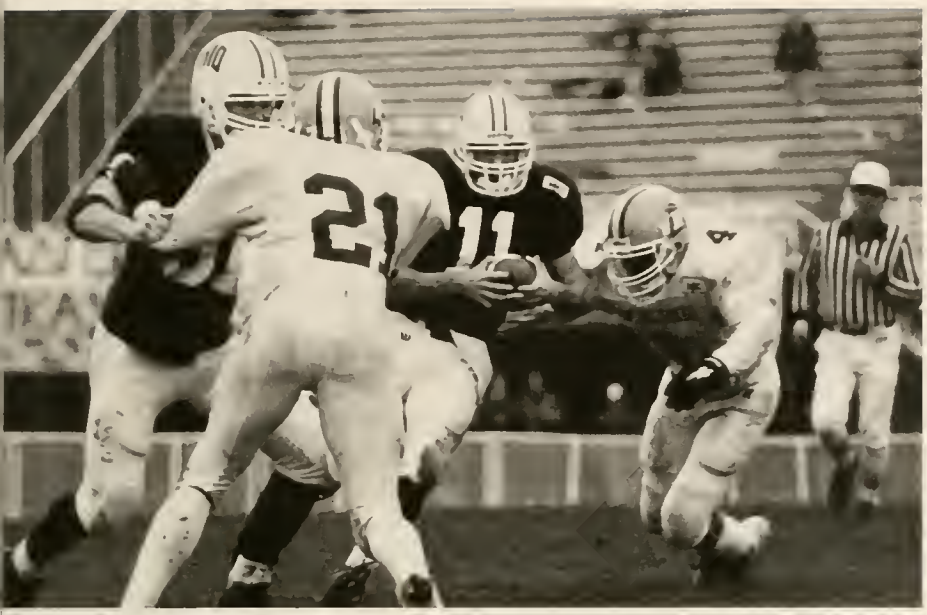
managed to leave their marks in new and exciting ways. Visits from celebrities including the First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton ignited the campus. OU teams continued to strive for the highest, especially the OU Baseball team, which won the MAC tournament. New deans were

▲ Freshman Amie Flax shows off her well decorated door for beggars night in Bush Hall. Photo by Heather Hughes.



▲▲ Ohio #11 rushes for yards during the Homecoming game against the Bowling Green Falcons. Photo by Heather Hughes. ▲ The colorful float beautifully represents the theme of this year's Homecoming, "Under the Big Top."

introduced for the College of Business, while a new addition to the School of Music provided a much needed practice facility.

Students challenged each other in everything from sports to acceptance. Whether they fought it out on the field or argues their point in a debate, students voiced their concerns and were heard. Campus safety

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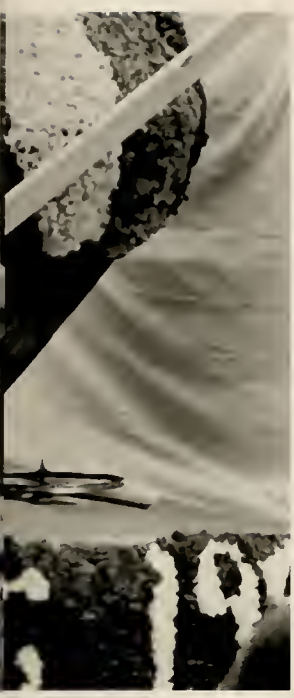
issues were addressed and resulted in new landscaping for College Green. OU students left their mark across campus and Athens.

So, whether you get a 4.0, join the OU Juggling Club, play volleyball, or join a Greek organization, there is always a way for you to be remembered

▲▲ The parade was a big hit with all of the brilliant floats and the crowd was happy the parade missed the rain. ▲ Freshman Gabrielle Brett and Kelly Welsh get ready to be hit by the hundreds of beggars that will visit Bush Hall Halloween weekend. Photos by Heather Hughes.



▲ Speech and Arrested Development performed before Hillary addressed the crowd at Baker Center. Photo by Sara Matyas.

by your peers. And no one will ever forget OU and the times spent here. In our own ways, we've all left something of ourselves here in Athens. But the real challenge is to find a new and original way to

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What makes college an experience worth remembering? The classes? The homework? Countless hours at Alden Library? Of course not! The things we do to avoid or at least forget about all the work and studying is what makes life at Ohio University a truly remarkable experience. Granted, you could have no life and spend every waking hour with your nose buried in your textbooks, but student groups and activities help make the experience worth remembering. With such a diverse population as Ohio has, there are recreational and professional organizations to fit any taste. Students are free to take advantage of many varied organizations and pastimes to make their years at OU both enjoyable and productive. From the Society of Professional Journalists to the Ultimate Frisbee club, students are able to develop their interests and expand their horizons throughout their college career. Of course, students also can spend time visiting with family and friends or rediscovering their heritage during events like Mom's Weekend, the International Street Fair, or Kwanzaa. There's no doubt that OU offers each student something worthwhile to help diversify their experiences, meet new friends, and work on completing that resume. One thing is for certain — OU students do *have a life!*

By Mike McCrea. Page design by Sherri Kissinger.

◄Dad's Weekend, an OU favorite, led to many laughs for students and their fathers. ▲ OU quarterback Kareem Wilson fights to gain yards on a run against the Falcons. ▲◄ The Bobcat stands in astonishment as he stares at the crowd gathered for the Homecoming parade. ►Dana McKinley is preparing balloons for the Homecoming celebration under the "Big Top". Photos by Heather Hughes.

HALLOWEEN IN ATHENS

From Mounties to Red Dog, all the Party Animals Were Uptown

While the rain avoided Athens this Halloween weekend, the crowd did not, as attendance for OU's annual approached 35,000. Athenians were introduced to All Hallow's Eve's newest party animal this year — the mounted patrols hired by the Athens Police Department. The use of the 'mounties' helped to keep streets clear, as well as to view and move about the uptown crowd with ease. Freshman Cory Garlick said, "While walking around drunk all night, all I wanted to do was pet the horses."

Another staple of Halloween weekend is the number of out-of-town guests that endure the roundabout ride into Athens, and then fight for parking spaces, whether legal or not. Kari Olech, a Sophomore and one of many OU students housing guests, commented on her weekend: "I had my birthday, my three friends from Notre Dame came down, and we had a blast." However, not every student was pleased with the weekend's festivities. A transfer student, Giene Gargarello, said, "Since it was my first year at OU, I was anticipating a crazy weekend. It's not that I didn't have a good time, but I think that there was too much hype." Another freshman, Keith Kerneklien, had only frustrations to vent: "I was tired of getting kicked out of parties and the bunnies looked queer." It is a fact that not all OU'ers are avid supporters of the party, but to these people I say, "Lighten up!" What other school is featured on the World Wide Web for its huge parties? That's right...OU!

By Dawn Bailey.

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► Party-goers fight the Uptown crowd during Halloween festivities. Photo by Heather Hughes.

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◄◄ Some students had a better view than others during Halloween at Ohio University. Photo by Shannon O'Brien.

◄ Onlookers are shocked to discover a female gorilla amidst the crowd of Halloween partiers. Photo by Shannon O'Brien.

▼ Wizards were among the random characters roaming Court Street during the Halloween celebration.

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►► Ohio University cheerleaders and fans join together in the Homecoming spirit before the game. Photo by Heather Hughes

►The Homecoming Parade displayed a wide variety of participants this year, including this float from Larry Conrath Reality. Photo by Heather Hughes.

▼The O.U. Bobcat adds to the spirit of the Homecoming crowd despite the rainy afternoon.

HOMECOMING
Bringing Us Together Under the Big Top

Think fast: when is one of the only times you can get the entire campus involved in a single event? If your answer was Homecoming, you're going to the circus! This year's theme was "Meet Me Under The Big Top,"and festivities began on Friday night with a bonfire at Ping Center, followed by fireworks. Saturday brought rain to Athens, but it did not dampen the spirits of those at the annual parade. The top float belonged to Delta Tau Delta/Chi Omega, and the best banner went to Shivley/Perkins Residence Halls. Spectators also witnessed Pi Kappa Alpha's Brad Leksan and Alpha Delta Pi's Tammy Riepenhosf's royal ride as Homecoming King and Queen. Football fans endured the elements and watched the Bobcats stomp the Bowling Green Falcons 38-0, but many left after the first quarter, with OU up 21-0. The alumni welcomed the Coasters, Platters, and Drifters to Templeton-Blackburn Alumni Memorial Auditorium, but another event went overlooked by many: the Black Student Cultural Programming Board's 20th annual Homecoming Coronation. Applause filled Old Nelson Commons as Shawn Martin and Andrea Montgomery were crowned. The fact that we have separate kings and queens may be a testament to the diversity at OU. But there is one thing that is certain: Homecoming is definitely an event for all to enjoy.

By Jerrica Du Bois. Page Design by Kerri Abrams and Heather Saul.

◄ The members of Sigma Phi Epsilon and Phi Mu know how to celebrate on their float during the Homecoming Parade. Photo by Heather Hughes

Dads' Weekend

For some dads it was the time to get reaquainted with their children. But more importantly, it was the time for them to relive their own college years. The weekend was memorable not only for those whose dad was here, but for those that could not make it as well. "I hung out with my friend's dad" says transfer student Grace Beahm. "We went to Pawpurrs and he bought us drinks. He had everyone at the bar yelling 'Toga' and planning a panty raid before we left." The antics of flamboyant fathers did not end at the bars. Stories of dads starting mod wars and teaching their children all of the pranks they played in college can be heard from everyone. However, we should not be too quick to judge their behavior as "childish," or maybe they'll begin to judge us.

By Jerrica DuBois. Page design by Kerri Abrams and Heather Saul.

▲Hang onto Daddy: A student and her dad waiting to get in Pawpurr's. Photo By Franka Bruns.

►▲ Jennifer Zeitler and her father George enjoy eating lunch wit discussing school activities. Photo By Heather Hughes. ►While waiti to get in to Pawpurr's, a bar in uptown Athens, Roy Martin lights h daughter Jenni Martin's cigarette with his own cigar. Photo By Fran Bruns.

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Greek Life

For one week every year, Greeks team up for some of the fiercest competition on campus, but this challenge is not to see who can pound the most beer, it's the 8-stage Greek Week Games. Many Greek organizations participated in the week's events, ranging from football to banner design. The opening games got started, ironically, in the same manner that the week would end - with a win by the team of Alpha Gamma Delta, Phi Delta Theta, Delta Tau Delta, and Theta Chi. Teams were selected through a lottery system, ensuring fair competition and a diverse team, while also creating the possibility of developing new friendships. "We want everyone to have fun," explained IFC Greek Week Chair Dave Kaplan. "All the chapters come together, and it's a great way to meet new people."

This year's games, themed "Who needs Atlanta?", inspired by last year's Summer Olympics down south, involved more than just sports. Greeks united for better causes, like the campus blood drive, already heavily supported by Greeks, as well as United Appeal, for whom they raised money during Penny Wars. This competitive fund raiser, also a part of the Greek Week games, was won by the team of Delta Gamma and Phi Kappa Tau, but all groups should be commended for their good will.

The most publicized event every year is the Airbands competition, and is also the final event of the big week. As mentioned before, the Alpha Gams, Phi Delts, Delts, and Theta Chis won this final event, which also sealed the overall championship. Their segment featured demanding performances from Broadway musicals, which meant they also had to learn extensive choreography for their routine. At the end of the week, final points were tallied, and Chi Omega, Beta Theta Pi, and the National Panhellenic Council took second place. Third place honors went to the team of Alpha Xi Delta, Lambda Chi Alpha, and Sigma Chi. Although all these groups were in competition with each other, they shared a common goal, worked hard together, and also helped unite to benefit others. The most important aspect of Greek Week is that, through their leadership, they have set an example for all of us to follow. Copy by Mike McCrea. Page Design by Sherri Kissinger.

▼Greek members enjoy playing one of the many sports offered during Greek Week. ▲► Seniors Beth Tant and Barb Farlow, members of AΓΔ, discuss plays for the game. ► This group of sophomores rushed during fall quarter. ►►▼ Kristin Tucker and Robyn Hawley pose for a photo during rush in the fall. ►▼ Greek members enjoy playing in the sunshine and the beautiful weather for all of their Greek Week sporting events. Photos by Kim Potterf.

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HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON

A Visit from the First Lady

Who says nobody of importance ever comes to Athens? Certainly not the OU College Democrats. This group, along with over 20,000 members of the Southeastern Ohio community, welcomed first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton this past fall, for her second visit to Athens.

Clinton stood atop the front steps of Ohio's Baker Center and addressed a record crowd, rallying voters to support the democratic candidates in the upcoming election.

Students paid particularly close attention as Clinton discussed helping students to afford the cost of a college education. "When the students graduate from high school," she declared, "they should know if they are willing to work hard, they can go on to higher education without regards to financial obstacles."

The Athens community was buzzing with discussions of Clinton's Autumn visit for weeks after her second stop in "A-town." It seems Athens can't get enough of the first lady. As well, it seems she can't get enough of Athens, as she later accepted an invitation to speak at this year's commencement ceremony. If you remember, George Bush spent his free time fishing in Kennebunkport, Maine. Will President Clinton be passing his spare time among the students uptown? We'll have to wait and see. By Mike McCrea. Page design by Jon Blasco.

▲ Hillary Clinton speaks in front of Baker Center to a crowd of over 20,000. ► A Clinton supporter carries the sign with pride.

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▲ Hillary shows her OU spirit. Photo by Sara Matyas.

THE GRAFFITI WALL
A History Worth Looking At

The first thing everyone remembers of their first visit to Athens is the eccentric scribblings and spirited support from students sprayed upon "The Graffiti Wall." The wall has a decorated history, much like a reflection of its millions of layers of paint. The strangest fact about the wall, at the corner of Mulberry and Richland, is that nobody knows when the tradition of writing on it started. Back when our parents (or very older siblings) were at OU, the wall held tons of dirt in place, much as it still does today. Back then, though, Super Hall stood atop that mountain of dirt.

Super, one of four campus buildings torn down in 1976, had been a campus fixture for some 50 years. The tradition of the graffiti had already started by the time officials planned to level the structure, and the wall became something the students stood up for, as a recreational outlet, a tension reliever, and a social calendar.

Our graffiti wall is a great tension reliever. It gives students a chance to throw paint, rather than an annoying roommate, at a wall. In its time, the wall has stirred several controversies, too. Back in 1990, a character called "Our Boy Biff" attacked racial tensions a little too critically, and threatened the freedom of students to use the wall. As well, city officials constantly gripe about the amount of messy painters that pay Mulberry Street a visit in the middle of the night. According to local law enforcement, students can receive more than just a ruined pair of jeans for their painting. Painting the bridge qualifies as tampering with a viaduct, a felony in Ohio. Sidewalk Picassos face second-degree misdemeanor charges if caught.

The earliest reports of the Graffiti Wall date back to 1971, but it is very likely that the tradition started around 1969, when anti-war activism was in full swing. In 1976, the wall was threatened to be eliminated, and the students stood by their freedom, as well as their sense of tradition. I think we would do the same in this day and age. The wall is something we have come to identify with OU, while also embracing it as an artistic, individual way to keep the entire campus on top of what's going on. Copy by Mike McCrea.
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▲ The members of AΓΔ use the wall as a way to display their sisterhood. ◄▲ Chris Johnson, a member of Phi Kappa Alpha, paints the wall early one Friday morning. Photo by Franka Bruns. ◄ AΓΔ members paint the wall on a fall evening. ◄◄ The sisters of AΓΔ display their work with pride.

HOMEBREWING BEER

You can brew too!

I love beer, plain and simple. Of course, I don't mean cheap beers, I'm talking about maple stouts, nut browns, and Irish reds. A 6-pack of high-quality brew could run a fortune, but there is an alternative solution - homebrewing.

With the recent addition of O'Hooleys and their microbrewing business, Athens' taste for good beer has significantly improved. Jason Hitesman, a senior and local brewer, agrees: "My dad brewed when I was young, and I can still remember the smells, sounds, and especially the tastes." Pictures cannot do homebrewing justice: the smells that fill your kitchen during a brew will send you back to mom's home cookin'.

Contrary to most beliefs, homebrewing is simple. Jason said that a basic setup runs about 40 dollars, including ingredients for you first brew (a yield of about 2.5 cases). Homebrew stores generally carry all ingredients as well as a variety of brewing equipment.

According to Rob Kline, also a senior, brewing is simple, but homebrewed beer involves other challenges. "I rarely have two or three hours free at a time," he admitted, "and I can't wait a month for my beer to age." Despite these challenges, homebrewing provides rewards to those who wait. It is easy, and can be an experience enjoyed by all your friends. Once you try it, you won't be able to stop, so start brewing!

▲ Homebrewer Jason Hitesman watches his Doppel Bock flow from a 5-gallon carboy. ►▲ Steve Kieffer fills 12-ounce bottles. ► Jason Hitesman oversees a crucial aspect of bottling which is the cleaning and rinsing which is being performed by Mike McCrea. Photos by Sara Maytas.

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Make your own brew! As found in Charlie Papazian's The Homebrewer's Companion. **What you need**: 3-4 gallon pot, 5 gallon carboy, 6 feet of ⅜" plastic hose, 1 fermentation airlock with rubber stopper, bottlecapper, caps, and empty unthreaded bottles. **Ingredients**: 5-6 lbs. hop-flavored malt extract, 1 package ale yeast, ¾ cup corn sugar. **What to do**: Combine and dissolve malt extracts in 1½ gallons of water, boil 15 min. Sanitize fermenter with water and 3 capfuls of bleach. Put 3 gallons water in sanitized fermenter. Add boiled malts to fermenter. When temperature inside fermenter reaches 78°F, add yeast. Cap fermenter with stopper and airlock. Let it brew for 2 weeks. Sanitize bottles in bleach water, and cover. Add ¾ cup corn sugar to 1 pint of water, boil 5 min., add to beer. Fill bottles with beer, and cap. Wait 2 weeks, then throw a party!

FESTS

Partying in the Shadows of a Riot

Coming into this year, Athens' parties were earning a rather bad reputation. Last year's fests were marred by bottle-throwing drunkards and otherwise unruly crowds disagreeing with local law enforcement. Earlier this year, Daylight Savings Time helped to create a minor uprising from angry uptown drinkers. After this happened, the Athens Police Department stocked up on riot gear, flaring the tempers of those anticipating the springtime fests.

However, police were only keeping up with neighboring counties. Despite what most citizens thought, APD was trying its hardest to make this spring the best month of fests ever. For one thing, they brought in the mounted patrols, used during the uptown Halloween celebration, to help control traffic and crowds. Also, they worked extensively to raise public awareness of the types of crimes they look for during a block party, showing the public how not to get busted. Police say they look for the more "stupid" offenses, like underage drinking, open containers off private property, destruction of property, and fighting. Officers kept it plain and simple: don't be stupid, and you won't spend your weekend in jail.

Likewise, area residents worked with the police to ensure a safe, enjoyable weekend. Parties were kept more quiet, to keep noise complaints down, underage drinking was frowned upon, and most parties were smaller than they have been in the past. The biggest event of every May has to be Palmerfest. Last year, the block party was shut down early, after bottles were thrown at band members and then police officers trying to control the senseless crowd. This year, Palmer Street residents worked hand-in-hand with APD, and some even volunteered to help supervise the weekend party. "We've done everything we can to ensure that the party will be peaceful," said Palmer volunteer Dave Keiser. "We were upset about the way that the night ended last year." Keiser's efforts paid off, as Palmerfest went without any major problems. Partiers enjoyed an afternoon of drinking and dancing to the many bands that played in the sun, mingled with over 3,000 other partiers, and then cooled off in a hot tub, rented by some generous residents. Hopefully, future Palmer street inhabitants can learn from the example that this year's bunch set. They worked alongside the police to have a safe, peaceful evening. In that way, everyone can fully enjoy the meaning of Spring: Palmerfest. Copy by Mike McCrea. Page Design by: Sherri Kissinger.

▼ The Fests this year were monitored by the police and the Palmer Street residents. ▼▼ A group of bikers ride down the heart of the party.

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◄ Two unidentified partygoers drink care free during Palmerfest.

▼ The scene of a residence of Palmer Street during the festivities. ▼▼ Palmer Street was flooded with people just cruising up and down the street. Photos by Kim Potterf.

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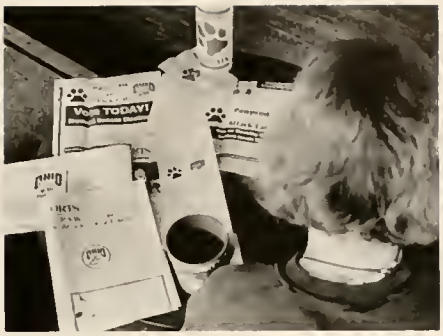

We all know why we came to OU, right? Dorm life, dining halls, and non-stop parties! Well, not really, but we all are here for a common purpose — to get our degree. At Ohio University, there are hundreds of different degrees available, and all of these degrees make up our system of colleges. These colleges help us to form a common bond with our classmates, yet also set us apart from others. Each college offers its students a multitude of programs, allowing us all to fully develop our skills and talents in preparation of a promising career. Of course, hands-on experience provided in each department's courses help us to see what life will be like outside of the academic setting. However, each college at Ohio University has its own story to tell. From the drastic reduction of the English Department due to retirement in the College of Arts and Sciences to galleries filled with exotic sculptures and paintings thanks to the College of Fine Arts, you can see that our colleges are both interesting and multifaceted. Some colleges are welcoming new leaders, while others are bidding farewell to old friends. In each college, though, students are able to learn, to grow, to develop, but most importantly, to be a part of Ohio University.

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◀ The College of Education gives its students the hands-on experience through student teaching opportunities. Photo by Kasy Valentine. ▲▶ Studying for classes are a large part of every student's life. ▲ The College of Fine Arts provides studio time for each student to develop their creative potential. ▶ The College of Health and Human Services has clinics that give the students the opportunity to use the skills they have acquired.

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▲ Biology majors work with their professors to reconstruct skeletons. ► Pre-physical therapy students are shown how to administer first aid on a victim. ►►Students study the bones of a cat.

Arts & Sciences

The College of Arts and Sciences has the distinction of being the largest and oldest college at Ohio University. Comprising 20 departments, the college provides 26 regular major programs; 22 minors; 53 special programs in specific, career-related areas; and 5 majors offered in cooperation with other colleges.

Many exciting opportunities offered by Ohio university for Study Abroad are coordinated by the College of Arts and Sciences. These include one-quarter intensive French, German, and Spanish Abroad, and Japanese Culture and Language Abroad. Also offered are year-long Student Exchange Programs in Demark, Germany and Great Britain. A three-week London Summer Study program in English history and drama is also available.

▲ Business students benefit from the networking that the college offers for jobs and internships. ▶The dean of the College of Business, C. Aaron Kelley. ▶▶ Professors work with students through cooperative relations programs to provide assistance outside of the classroom.

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Business

An official part of Ohio University since 1893, the College of Business prides itself on student-teacher interaction. The college limits enrollment each year, maintaining a typical total enrollment of 1700 students. This means that most classes only have about 30 students in them, keeping education at a very personal level. As well, the College of Business takes pride in their professors' continued dedication to scholarship and achievement. Over 80 percent of the college's faculty hold doctoral degrees, and most continue to work as business consultants or further research their business field, to stay on top of current trends.

Students are offered many diverse resources to enhance their studies or to prepare themselves for a career in the world of business. For instance, Copeland Hall includes four different computer labs available for student use. They also can join any of the 16 various student groups in the college, such as Alpha Kappa Psi, the professional business fraternity, or other more specialized groups. The College of Business is broken into four separate departments (Finance, Management Information Systems, Management Systems and Marketing) and includes the School of Accountancy. In these areas, students can choose from 12 different undergraduate majors, along with other Masters programs.

The big news in the College of Business this year was their search for a new dean. After months of interviews, the College named OU alumnus Glenn Corlett as the new head. Like most Business professors, he has extensive experience in the business world, most recently working as executive vice president of an international advertising company. Corlett brings his record of excellence to OU's College of Business, and will continue to pursue that same level of expertise among his colleagues and students. These students will continue to benefit from his shining example of a successful model from the business world. Copy by Mike McCrea.
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►Programs such as WOUB are produced through the College of Communication, combining journalism and telecommunication students. ►► Visual communication students excel in areas such as photography and page design. ▼ The college utilizes OU and Athens officials for issue debates and live coverage.

Communication

The College of Communication was created to better meet the communication needs of a changing society. New forms of communication, the growth of communication systems and the need for better communication among people, races, economic groups, and nations were factors in Ohio University's decision to prepare graduates for both traditional roles and for a variety of new responsibilities.

The E.W. Scripps School of Journalism is fully accredited. The journalism school is recognized nationally for the quality of its more than 200 annual graduates who move into professional areas all over the world.

The School of Telecommunication is one of the largest broadcasting and electronic media programs in the United States and ranked as one of the best in the country. It includes a broad-based education, preparing students for careers in electronic media areas such as radio and television, cable, corporate media and studio recording.

Other schools in the college include Interpersonal Communication, Visual Communication and Communication Systems Management. All of these provide students with many opportunities for internships and career assistance.

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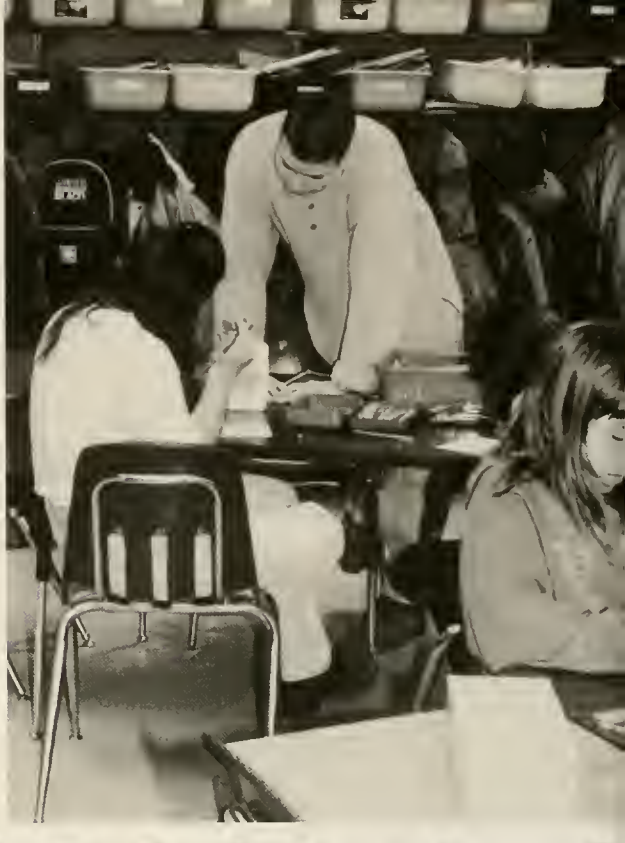
► Education majors are required to student teach with area schools and must assist the teacher in their work. ►► Working with the children provides fun for both the children and the student teachers. ▼ Education majors work one-on-one with the children in an effort to meet each student's needs. Photos by Kasy Valentine.



Education

The College of Education is a professional college whose major goal is to prepare individuals for future careers related to education. All undergraduate programs include a broad base of general education, intensive preparation in the subject matter field, and professional emphasis that combines theory with practice. Each program is designed to prepare students to enter their future careers with a strong background in liberal arts, educational strategies and techniques, and a thorough understanding of teaching and learning processes.

Students can must choose a program to follow and receive certification in that program. The College of Education is accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools and the National council for Accreditation of Teacher Education. It is also approved for teacher preparation by the State Department of Education of Ohio.

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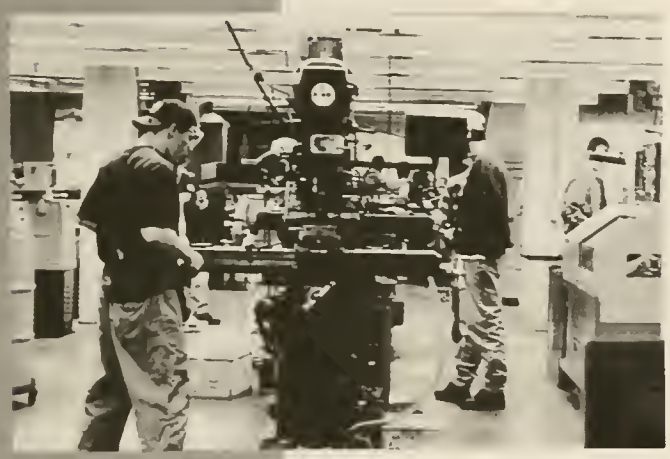
▲ The American Society of civil Engineers' annual steel bridge building contest puts the theories of engineering to the test. ▶ Stocker Center houses the Russ College of Engineering and Technology.

Engineering

The Russ College of Engineering and Technology is named for two of its financial benefactors, Frtiz J. and Dolores H. Russ. Fritz Russ earned a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering in 1946. Since that time, he and his wife have provided endowments that have helped with scholarships, advanced research equipment and visiting professors.

Engineering curricula are focused on the engineering profession in which a knowledge of the mathematical and natural sciences, gained by study, experience, and practice, is applied to develop ways to economically use the materials and forces of nature for the benefit of humankind and the environment. Graduates have both the theoretical and practical training to begin professional careers or continue advanced work at the graduate level.



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► The School of Theater's many performances through out the year showcase their students' excellence. ▼ Students enrolled in the School of Music are given many opportunities to perform in ensembles throughout the year.

Fine Arts

All the programs of study within the College of Fine Arts are intended to provide students with a strong foundation in the arts and culture, as well as an opportunity for specialized, professional training. Every effort is made through careful individual advising and a flexible curriculum to meet the individual needs of each student.

The college is made up of the schools of Art, Comparative Arts, Dance, Film, Music and Theater. The college offers a broad, cultural education is each specialized area.

Performances have always been a major part of the College of Fine Arts. All students who enter the college are expected to take part in the colleges many activities. Whether theater, music or dance, all majors have an emphasis on performance. Even art majors participate in exhibits and reviews. Many of the schools in the college require auditions before a student is accepted into the program.

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► Fashion and Retail Merchandising is one of the lesser-known majors in the College of Health and Human Services. The Fashion Associates hold a fashion show every year for Mom's Weekend. ►► Students learn how to treat various health problems through the School of Physical Therapy. ▼ Students also learn how to measure human responses with the use of machines available in Irvine Hall.

Health & Human Services

Established by the Board of Trustees in 1979, the College of Health and Human Services is made up of the schools of Health Sciences, Hearing and Speech Sciences, Human and Consumer Sciences, Nursing, Physical Therapy, and Recreation and Sport Sciences. To provide students with a variety of local clinical education opportunities, the schools operate the Speech and Hearing Clinic, the Child Development Center, Therapy Associates, the Aquatic Center, the Golf Course and Bird Arena.

The mission of the College of Health and Human Services is to establish an environment for students to pursue undergraduate and graduate degrees in health and human services fields. Programs within the college combine academic coursework with practical fields and clinical experiences, providing students with basic knowledge, intellectual skills and professional capabilities that enables the graduate to think and act positively and creatively in the face of ever-changing societal and human conditions.

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► Majors such as journalism and telecommunications are among the many currently offered in the Honors Tutorial College. ▼ The dean of the Honors Tutorial College, Joe Berman.

Honors Tutorial

The Honors Tutorial College offers 24 challenging degree programs to qualified students admitted at the beginning of the freshman or sophomore year. The Honors tutorial College also administers the Departmental Honors Program, a thesis option for eligible undergraduates in other colleges at Ohio University.

The Tutorial Program is a unique academic program modeled on the educational method used in British universities, notable Oxford and Cambridge. Although other colleges and universities have adopted features of this model, Ohio University is the only institution in the United States that has a degree-granting college incorporating all the essential features of the traditional tutorial system.

The goals of the program include providing high-ability students with flexible and personalized alternatives at the undergraduate level. The program also strives to intensify learning experiences by replacing lectures with tutorials, permitting each student to progress at an optimum pace and the provide preprofessional students with practical training through internships and other individually arranged educational experiences.

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▲ Medical students must com
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Osteopathic Medicine

The College of Osteopathic Medicine offers a four-year professional program leading to a Doctor of Osteopathy degree. Osteopathy is defined as using medical therapy to correct complications brought on by diseases. OU's College of Osteopathic Medicine is accredited by the American Osteopathic Association.

The college incorporates classroom learning with practical experience through The Childhood Immunization Program. This program, started in May 1994, provides free immunization to children in many of the surrounding counties. The medical students also go to the local schools to educate about health issues.

Osteopathic students prefer a Doctor of Osteopathy to an M.D. because of the approach. Osteopathy stresses treating the whole person, not just one illness. The osteopathic approach is more philosophical and overall than a medical approach focusing on one illness.

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University College

The University College is responsible for informing students about academic options and assisting them in coming to decisions about how they can best use the University to promote their growth and development.

Exploratory students are admitted to University College. They are then assigned both an academic advisor and a counselor from the University College staff. In addition, students in all colleges may seek out counseling in University College when their questions touch on University-wide issues of University College programs.

The University College staff manages orientation/advisement programs such as Precollege, that assist students in reviewing their interests, planning academic programs, and adjusting to University life.

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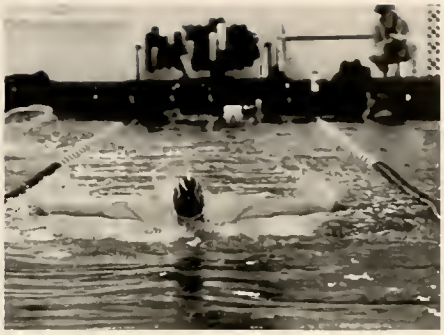
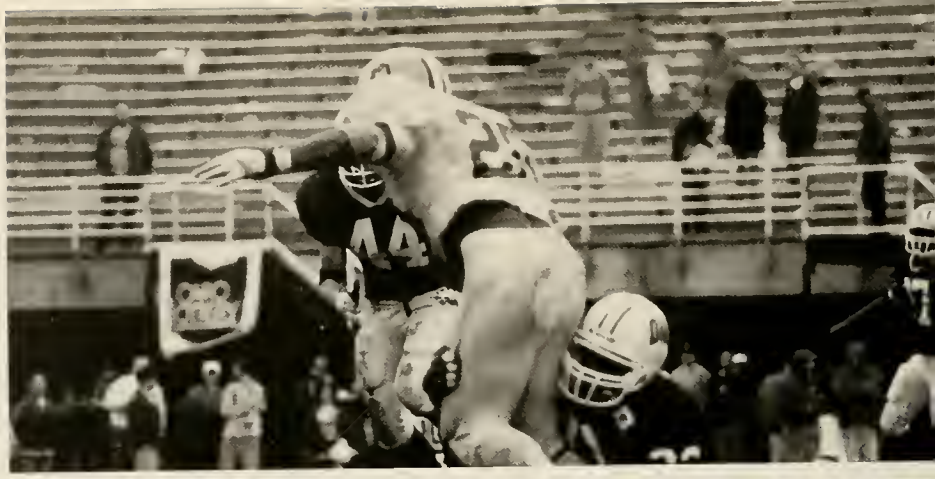


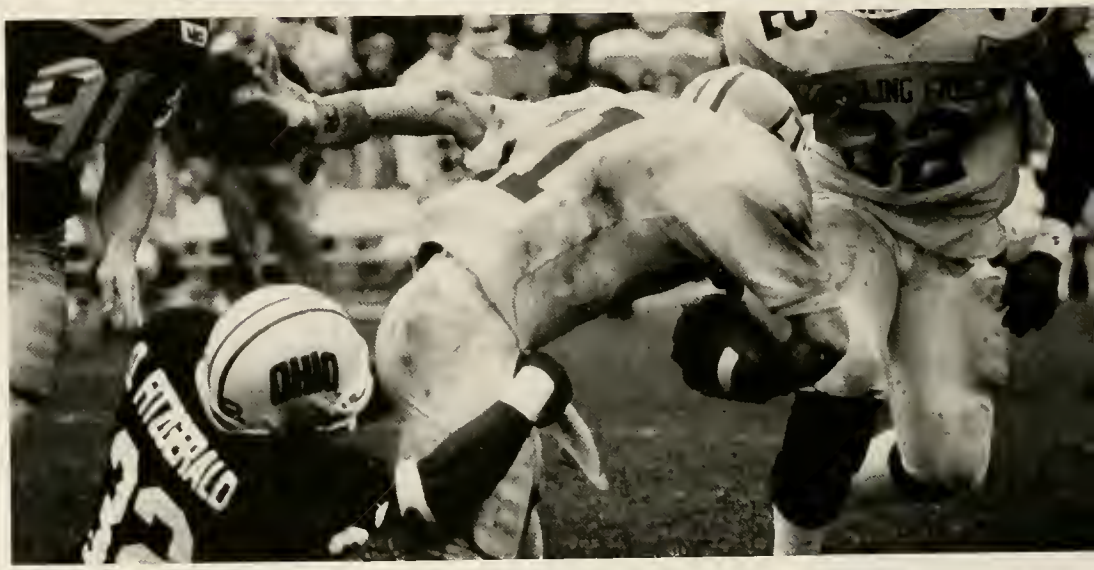
The Athletic Department certainly left its collective mark on the 96-97 school year. Of the fifteen varsity sports at OU, a full third either challenged or won titles in the Mid-American Conference. Bobcat fans were treated to championships in Wrestling and Baseball (their first since 1991), a second place finish in Women's swimming and the most competitive Football squad in fourteen years. Men's Basketball kept life interesting, as usual, right up until the final second. On the club sports scene, the Hockey team, in what is becoming a Winter ritual, won yet another ACHA National Title, their third straight. The Men's Lacrosse team made an appearance in the NCLL national finals, giving them national recognition as one of the best teams in the country. While rooting from the grandstands for your favorite teams is enjoyable, Bobcats hate sitting around for very long. That's probably why over 1500 students joined intramural teams with names like "the Bert Fershners" and "Richard Cranium." Armchair superstars participated in 110 different Intramural sports this year, doing everything from Ultimate Frisbee to the infamous midnight matches of Broomball. Bobcat athletes left impressive marks on national, conference and university record books. They also left impressive black and blue marks on each other. Copy by Jason Harris. Page Design by Sherri Kissinger.

◄ Senior Damon Wilcox leads off for the Bobcats, slamming another hit out. ►▲ An OU swimmer thrusts his way down the lane toward the finish. ▲ An OU outfielder catches the game winning fly ball. ► OU track members hussle around the track to lead the Bobcats to another victory.



► A Bowling Green Falcon is taken down by two OU Bobcats. Photo by Heather Hughes.

▼ #32 Fitzergerald makes a another great tackle for the OU Bobcats, to lead them onto victory. Photo by Heather Hughes.



► With the team pumped and the excitement high, #58 hussels for a tackle of a BGSU Falcon. Photo by Sara Matyas.

►► The OU football team raise their helmets with pride as they wrap up the first half of their Homecoming game. Photo by Sara Matyas.

Triple Option Brings 'Bobcat Fever' to Athens

At the beginning of the season, OU Head Coach Jim Grobe saw his Bobcats, winless the previous season, recognized as the second-worst team in NCAA 1-A in the '90's. On top of this, the NCAA mandated that Grobe and his team draw in 68,000 fans in their four home games, or they would lose Division 1-A status. Grobe's triple option offense riddled defenses all season, as OU ranked consistently among the top ten rushing offenses in the NCAA. The sophomore tandem of Fullback Steve Hookfin and Quarterback Kareem Wilson led the attack, each rushing for 1,000 yards. Fans were shocked to see the green and white actually contending for a MAC title, since the last time they even finished a season over .500 was way back in 1982. Fans shattered the 68,000-ticket minimum established by the NCAA, watching Ohio post a 7-5 record, including a 6-2 mark in the MAC.The biggest game of the season occurred on October 12. OU, undefeated in conference play at the time, held on to a 17-0 lead over Ball State at the end of the third quarter. BSU scored 27 points in the final frame and eventually beat the Bobcats 30-27, in overtime. As the season went on, the Cardinals won the conference title, along with a trip to the Vegas Bowl. Coach Grobe was disappointed with the loss, but was one of the first to admit that he did not expect his young squad to be in this position this late in the season. When asked about the young 'Cats sudden success, Grobe said, "I just hope people remember where we were, realize where we've gone, and how quickly we have gotten there, and realize we're going to have to have patience." Youth is on the side of the Bobcats, with Sophomore offensive standouts Hookfin and Wilson, as well as defensive menaces Dennis Fitzgerald and Brandon Cade returning. Bobcat Fever hit Athens this year, and will continue to spread in the coming years. Better get your Vegas Bowl tickets now!

> I don't expect to get a big gain every game. I just go in each play, and sometimes things happen."
>
> — Sophomore 1,000-yard rusher Steve Hookfin

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▲The Volleyball Team: Front Row: Valerie Waugaman, Carrie Childs, Shannen Braden, Vicky Autry, and Carolyn Cowling. Second Row: Nyree Moore, Laura Cressa, and Becky Autry. Third Row: Stephanie Tracey, Mikki Johnson, Katie Mullen, Tysen Naughton, Traci Nation and Lori Dyer.

►Senior Stephanie Tracey sets up for a spike as her teammates look on. Photo by Jon Blasco.

►►Ohio freshman Katie Mullen fails in her attempt to make a spike from the Miami's player during a match in the Convo. Photo by Dan Lurie.

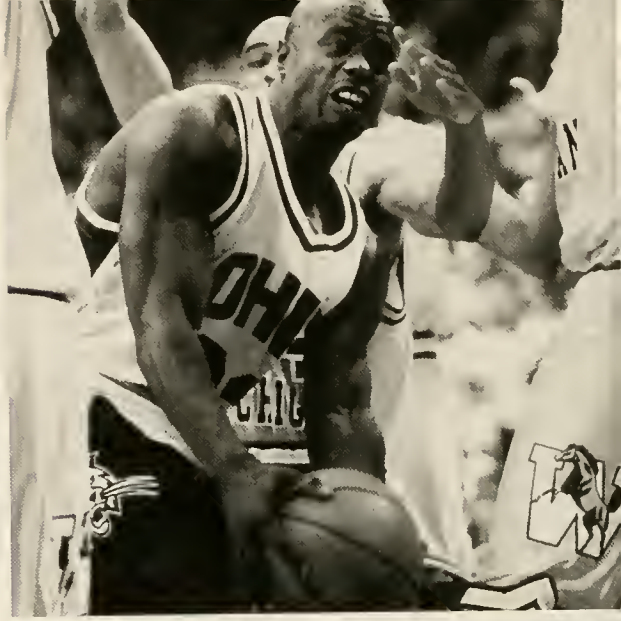
Inconsistency Spikes the 'Cats

This was a streaky season for the Bobcat Volleyball team. The Bobcats started with an 0-4 mark in conference play, then won 5 of 6 games. Then, lose four. You get the picture. Inconsistency was evident in the ladies' level of play. One week they sweep their opponent, the next, they'd look like they were playing a pick-up game. The team, picked in the preseason to finish third, ended up finishing the season at 16-14, with a 9-8 record in the Mid-American Conference. The Bobcats barely missed out on the postseason conference tournament, a destination they have never attained. This year's squad featured some talented seniors. Setter Shannon Braden is OU's career leader in assists (3684) and assists per game (9.83). Outside hitter Lori Dyer led the MAC in kills this season, and took numerous tournament MVP's early in the season on the way to earning several conference player of the week honors. OU lost an important figure before the season started: their coach, Ellen Dempsey, had preseason surgery, and was temporarily replaced by Interim Coach Kelli Myers. However, Dempsey's absence cannot be the sole reason for the 'Cats mediocre performance.

"We let our momentum down, the level of intensity and effort just doesn't seem to carry to games two and three for us," Dempsey stated. "We end up always having to fight back from behind."The Bobcats ended their season on a positive note, with a weekend sweep of Eastern and Central Michigan. Dempsey has a lot of work ahead in trying to replace her two key players, Braden and Dyal. Who knows - next year could be the year that OU breaks the jinx and makes it into postseason play. By Mike McCrea. Page design by Sherri Kissinger.

> When adversity comes your way, you can be a victim and not understand why things happen or you can say 'how can I fix this? How can I make it better?' What I've done is try to make the team refocus.
> — Interim Coach Kelli Myers.

VOLLEYBALL



▲ Senior Geno Ford quickly dribbles the ball around his opponent. Geno was the spark behind the team. His determination and good attitude drove the Bobcats. ►▲ Basra Fakhir is trapped among many Western Michigan players. ► Jim Peterson quickly dribbles the ball around the opposing player to take it to the hoop.

▼The Men's Basketball Team: Front row: Skip Vosler, Reggie Rankin, Head Coach Larry Hunter, Jason Grunkemeyer, Damion Washington, Geno Ford, Corey Reed, Dustin Ford, Mike Elfers, Kevin Eckert, and Dan Aloi. Back Row: Pete Johnson, Jon Zimmerman, Patrick Henry, Curtis Simmons, Matt Jagar, Diante Flenorl, Andy Kanzig, Ed Sears, Paul Morris, Basra Fakrir, Jim Peterson, Trent Terry, and Bryan Becker.

Almost a Dream Season

MENS BASKETBALL

A chain is only as strong as its weakest link. Fortunately, there were no weak links on the men's basketball team, and the end result was a very successful season, thanks to several come-from-behind victories late in the year. Although the MAC title slipped away from our comeback kids in an 82-73 loss against Western Michigan in the conference tourney, it was a season any Bobcat could be proud of. The Bobcats weren't the fastest, they weren't the tallest, but they were the most exciting team in the conference this year. All team members contributed to the productivity of the season, which proved essential to putting Ohio back in the championship race. There was All-MAC First Team Guard Geno Ford, whose stellar performance this year was highlighted by memorable moments such as sinking a three pointer at the buzzer to beat Eastern Michigan and a clutch play in the last minute of the game to give the bobcats the cushion to beat Akron 71-68. Power player Ed Sears had the consistency the team neededin the low post. His finesse on the court, combined with his brute strength and focus won him All-MAC Second Team honors, and I'm sure the 6'9, 270 pound Sears did not balk at being considered possibly the best center in the conference. How about the performance of Curtis Simmons after being moved from starter to sixth man? According to Coach Larry Hunter, he's better coming off the bench, and the team gets off to a better start. His suspensions during the season may have hurt the team's focus, but when Simmons was on his game, everything else was secondary. Now add the quickness of guard Corey Reed and the continued growth of potential superstars like Diante Flenorl and Basra Fakhir, and you have one of the most solid teams in the conference. Now who can honestly complain about that? Copy by Jerrica DuBois. Page Design by Sherri Kissinger.

> "The only time you're a special team is when you win a championship. We've done a great job of getting back in the race. But I'm not going to say we've done anything special until we get a championship ring."
> — Coach Larry Hunter

Diante Flenorl hides his head after coming out of the game. The Men's Basketball team ended the season with several special emories for the seniors

►The Women's Basketball Team: Front Row: associate athletic trainer Sue Hammond, manager Susan Bundy, Renee Robare, Kim Deering, Erin Blackstone, Barb Grbac, Molly Sito, Natalie Britt, manager Heidi Meyers, student athletic trainer Ronda Childress. Back Row: head coach Marsha Reall, assistant coach Kim Jordan, Amy Tatman, Maja Mitrovic, Marlene Stollings, Gwyneth Ballard, Amy Turner, Djara Barnes, Brandy Tatum, Danielle Longnecker, Princess Todd, graduate assistant Sonya Beeler Willhoite, assistant coach Laura Reding.

▲Senior Natalie Britt shots over her opponents. Natalie went d
with a hand injury and missed the second half of the season. ◄▲
Deering dribbles the ball down the court looking for an teammat
Senior Barb Grbac stands tall above her opponent looking for a p

A Season of Ups and Downs

WOMENS BASKETBALL

If the OU Women's Basketball team were a car, Coach Marsha Reall would need a mechanic to repair a stalling problem. Defensive woes plagued the Lady 'Cats all season long, especially as tourney time drew near. Numerous times the team let first half leads slip by and ended up losing clutch games in the final minutes. For a major portion of the year, the team depended on senior guard Natalie Britt, a senior who scored over 1,000 points in her career, to guide them to a potential 3- or 4-seed in the conference tournament. Unfortunately, Britt broke a bone in her hand during a late-season practice, which gave fellow teammate Renee Robare, also a senior, a chance to shine in the spotlight. However, losing 15 points per game hurt the ladies, as they finished their season losing three of the last four games. At 12-14, with a 9-9 conference record, the Lady Bobcats had hoped to end the regular season on a more positive note, but nevertheless looked forward to a conference tournament showdown with rival Miami. OU, ranked sixth in the conference, was not expected to upset their third-ranked rivals from Oxford. They lost to Miami in the first round, leaving everyone to spend the rest of the winter season wondering how they would have fared if the entire team was healthy and well-rested. Robare summed up the team's frustration, saying, "It's obvious we have a lot of talent, but for some reason it's just not meshing." Ohio featured the conference's best scoring offense last season, but had one of the worst defenses, especially in the closing minutes of the games. To improve on this season, Reall must get her team to continue scoring, but get back on defense. It may not be an easy task, but with hard work and enthusiasm, the Bobcats can be a contender again next year. Copy by Mike McCrea. Page Design by Sherri Kissinger.

> "I don't care about any stat sheet as long as at the end of the game my team's up by one point. I happy with the 'W'."
> — Senior Guard Renee Robare

Renee Robare cheers her teammates on after a basket for the Bobcats. Ohio University won their last game in the Convo with 74 › 45 against Western Michigan. Photo by Franka Bruns.

▶The Men's Swim Team: Front Row: Steve Thomas, Jon Apple, Dan Clevenger, and Dan Postlethwait. Second Row: Andy Kershaw, Jackie Santomeno, Andy Bashor, Chad Cron, Curt Hanover, Bryan Hauptman, Bruce Paige, Stephanie Kamerer, Pam Piero. Third Row: Mike Worley, Matt Kostelic, Chris Platt, Doug Grebe, Justin Dammel, Vermund Vetnes, Kacy Culver, Greg Oberlin, and Greg Werner. Fourth Row: Brian Billips, Brian MacNicol, Alberto Moraes, Chad Bartlett, Hakon Bergby, Chuck Evans, Dave Kosse, Joe Grigas, Chris Kesicke, Patrick Shea, Nick Mellilo, Brian Peresie, and Chris Whitman.

▶The Women's Swim Team: Front Row: Lisa MacNicol, Renate Olaisen, Laura Gale, Eileen Cassin, Megan Goble, Alyce Kray Smith. Second Row: student assistant Pam Piero, student assistant Stephanie Kamerer, Jennifer Meier, Carrie Tucker, Daniele Litt, Stephanie Stover, Ali Blalock, Danielle Biggs, G.A. Jackie Santomeno. Third Row: diving coach Mike Worley, head coach Greg Werner, assistant coach Greg Oberlin, Breck Bartos, Line Nyman, Camilla Mowinckel, Kay Rottell, Jen Tebussek, volunteer assistant Andy Bashor, student assistant Andy Kershaw. Back Row: Joanne Park, Peggy Reagan, Christine Tucker, Lindsay Genter, Shannon Orcutt, Jill Schumacher, Hollie Bonewit, Kathleen Davison, and Robin Yactor.

▲ A swimmer dives into the water as she starts another race. ▶ A swimmer swims the back stroke as she hustles toward the finish line.

Different Strokes, both Make Waves

Although they follow the same schedule, swim in the same pool and share the same coach, the Men's and Women's Swimming teams had completely different seasons. For the men, one theme was predominant: it was time for change. The swimmers, who posted a 6-6 record while going 2-3 in the MAC, were led by Freshman Vermund Vetnes throughout the year. He was the only Bobcat to earn a MAC title, with a conference record time of 48.13 in the 100-meter butterfly. A major passing of the torch took place at this year's MAC Championships, as Miami ousted Eastern Michigan from its 17-year reign atop the conference. The women fared better over the season, but will have to replace senior leader Lisa MacNicol. Her continued success helped the women to reach a mark of 8-5 for the season, including a remarkable 4-1 record against MAC opponents.

> "I think it's about time Eastern loses. I hate for it to be by our rival, Miami, but it's good for someone else to win." - Ohio Junior Dan Clevenger, on the end of Eastern's 17-year run as MAC Champs.

For Head Coach Gary Werner, success is almost a guarantee. His men are growing up, and looking to win it all. His women are already winning, and don't want to give that up. By Mike McCrea. Page Design by Sherri Kissinger.

. An unidentified swimmer jolts through the water, coming in first place in the race. The swim team had a good season, giving the eniors good memories to take with them as they graduate.

SWIMMING

▲The Wrestling Team: Front Row: Curtis Ramey, Shane Hartzler, Dan Bednar, Colin O'Donoghue, John Wervey, Eric Pizzi, Eric Dubendorfer. Middle Row: trainer Brian Koehne, Rick Steele, Tom Seryak, Shawn Enright, Aaron Cooper, Brad Wright, Zac Stratton, Ed Schillig, and Adam Whitlatch. Back Row: assistant coach Dan Williman, assistant coach Warren Osbourn, Keith Pennix, Mike Auerbach, Brendan Courtot, Pat Bitar, Steve Kaiser, Nat Faber, Neil Harvey, Paul Kaiser, Dwight Gardner, Josh Heffernan, head coach Harry Houska, statistician Laurel Wagner. Missing: John Noble and Jim Guttridge.

▲An OU wrestler struggles free himself from his opponen hold. Photo by Dan Lurie. ▶ OU wrestler lifts up a Miami R skin during a match in the Con Photo by Franka Bruns.

Tough schedule, thin roster teach adversity

WRESTLING

Ahio fans are getting spoiled when it comes to wrestling. The team didn't coast through their season, but the end result was the same as it had been three of the past four years — MAC Championship. The team, at 12-10, with a 3-1 MAC record, had the most wins in the conference, and only Eastern Michigan (5-14-1) had more losses. You may think that a team barely over .500 is not of championship caliber, until you look at who Ohio played. Eight of their opponents were in the top 30 in the nation, including top-ten teams Minnesota and Edinboro. Senior wrestler Brendan Courtot saw an opportunity in such a demanding schedule: "Rather than wrestle 'cupcakes' and not knowing where you are, this gives you a gauge at which to set yourself. This squad was anchored by Junior 158-pounder Dwight Gardner, whose 26-3 record was tops for the team and was the only Bobcat to bring home All-America honors, establishing himself among the top eight in the nation. Along with Gardner, four other Bobcats went to the nationals: John Noble (126 lb.), Ed Shillig (134 lb.) and Jim Guttridge (HVY) all won MAC titles, and Shawn Enright (142 lb.) received a provisional bid. Coach Harry Houska received his fifth MAC Coach of the Year award, reinforcing hisstatus as one of Ohio's best coaches ever, in any sport, and as a genius. He has used his wisdom to build a wrestling empire in the humble town of Athens. Last year, he redshirted five of his top men, even though others thought he was crazy to do so. As a result of that move, his younger wrestlers gained bigtime experience against capable foes, his leaders were able to bulk up in their off-year, but most significantly, his boys won a MAC Championship in front of the home crowd at the Convo. Pure genius. Copy by Mike McCrea. Page Design by Sherri Kissinger.

> "Some people like to call me Gumby or Spiderman, because of my style, which frustrates a lot of people. I'm a funky wrestler." — Bobcat All-American Dwight Gardner

▲Marcus Marazon fights with a Findlay player during the third period of the last Friday Game.

▶Derek Partlo rests between shifts. Photos by Heather Hughes.

▶▶An OU player faces off against Michigan-Deerborn. Photo by Jon Blasco.

Third time's not as charmed

HOCKEY

They say the third time's the charm, but in the case of the Hockey team, the third time was the hardest of all. The Bobcats won their third consecutive ACHL National Championship by beating top-seeded Iowa State Cyclones 2-1. But the way they got there sure wasn't pretty.

The Cats began the season winning 14 of their first 15 games, and tying the other. The team stormed through December, before a January slump that became a six game losing streak. The boys got back on track early in February, crushing Kent, 5-3 and 12-1. Head Coach Craig McCarthy took the big wins in stride. "It's a start," he said. "Maybe we've started to turn this thing a round a little bit."

> "We weren't as strong this year compared to past teams, but you can't argue with a 29-9-4 record, third best in the league, and a National Championship." — Head Coach Craig McCarthy.

Fortunately for the team, they did get on track in time for the ACHA National Tournament, though they did stumble a bit. OU lost the ACHL tournament to Iowa State in February. Several controversial calls, one of which negated a game-tying goal, cost the 'Cats the victory in Ann Arbor. And no, the team was not happy about it. As defensemen Bill Roen put it, "I can't sit still at all since my ass is so sore with the refs sticking it up there when we play in Michigan." The Bobcats would have to wait a few weeks to get their revenge in the ACHA tourney.

Led by top goal scorer Dan Morris, top point scorer Derek Partlo, and goalie and tournament MVP Brodie Danner, Ohio slashed past long-time rivals Michigan-Dearborn and Arizona. Arizona's Ice Cats beat OU twice during the regular season, but fell as Danner made 59 saves and allowed only 6 goals throughout the tournament. Best of all, the 'Cats avenged their 7-4 loss to Iowa State to win the championship. "We weren't the best team on paper," said Coach McCarthy."But we were the best team in the tournament."

McCarthy refused to make predictions for next season, but he did say Iowa State would be the team to beat. "We like a certain type of hard-headed, big-game player here at OU. We should be competitive next year."

Copy by Jason L. Harris.

▶The Men's Track Team: Front Row: Jim Bournes, Ed Hunose, Brian Young, Josh Morgan, Chris Cave, and Germaine Spencer. Second Row: graduate assistant Chad Smith, Marcus Booker, Edward Aiken, Brad George, Matt Smith, Adam Fox, Patrick Sneed, Tony Breeze, Ben Myers, and head coach Elmore Banton. Third Row: assistant coach Anne Takacs, Chris Adkins, Steve Aab, Chris Ryan, Steve Ragg, Neil Murdoch, Mark Stevens, and Brandon Jordan. Fourth Row: graduate assistant Janie Meeks, Darren Avery, Matthew Dykes, Shane Cousins, Josh McCabe, Elliot Crider, and Carlos Jones. Fifth Row: Demond Smith, Matt Kinsey, Ryan Mullen, Josh Ritchie, Sam Gaston, David Connor, and Donovan Barger. Sixth Row: Dennis Russo, Ivan Dunnow, Tom Smith, Jason McKitrick, Hank Ray, and Derek Dusthimer.

▶ Track star Robin Bird hurls the discus during a track meet on a rainy, cold afternoon.

▶▼The Women's Track Team: Front Row: Najah McFarland, Tommi Crowley, Tanya Gillette, Kristy Guesman, Lori Spitler, Melissa Converse, Carrie Bayless, and Dristin Diehm. Second Row: Joy Blair, Robin Bird, Sarah Yeager, Camille Coleman, Tracy Lott, Kim Matas, Debbie Brown, Alicia Hastings, Kristine Baugh, and Julie Kline. Third Row: graduate assistant Janie Meeks, assistant coach Anne Takacs, Tina Bushkin, Suanne Ashcroft, Jackie Conrad, Mary Kirsch, Sarah Lawhun, Leanne Carnes, Juli Algire, and head coach Elmore Banton. Fourth Row: Melissa Graham, Joddi Neff, Erin Dorman, Dinita Mitchell, Valerie Waugaman, Erica Ferr, and Sherri Fries. Fifth Row: Kimberly Thomas, Jennifer Lee, Katherine Geib, Monigue Okorie, and Jessica Johnson.

Running in Circles

TRACK

Throughout the season, the hard-luck track teams found themselves running in circles, trying to find a way to develop some consistency. Both the men's and women's teams fought nature, injuries, and fatigue to prepare themselves for the pinnacle of competition, the MAC Championships.

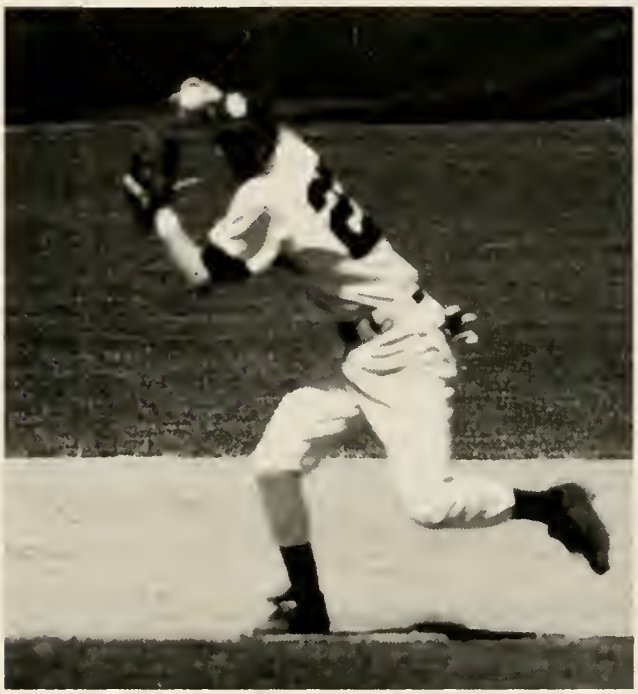
The men had a real streaky season, starting out 4-1 in dual meets, but eventually evened out their record at 5-5. One problem these men had to overcome was a small roster, which meant less potential for earning valuable points in each event. One promising note for the men, who placed ninth out of ten teams in the conference championship, was Freshman thrower Dennis Russo. Going into the conference tourney, Dennis was ranked third in the Javelin. Ohio's best male finish at the MAC Championship was by distance runner Josh Ritchie, who placed fourth in the 10,000 meters and sixth in the 5,000 meters.

> "(The men's finish) was a big disappointment, because I thought we might be able to beat a couple of teams and finish well."
> — Coach Elmore Banton, after his team placed ninth out of ten at the MACs.

The women fared much better during the regular season, posting a 10-2 record in dual meets, but didn't do much better at the MAC Championships. In the MAC Championships, the team placed seventh out of ten, and featured several impressive performers. Kristin Diehm (5,000 meters), Erica Ferri (Discus), and Juli Kline (3,000 meters) all took third in their respective events, but were outshined by the championship performance of Freshman Jackie Conrad. She took the MAC Title in the 10,000 meters and the 5,000 meters. Back in Fall, she also won the MAC Women's Cross Country title. For her outstanding efforts, she was named "The Women's Track Athlete of the Year." Head Coach Elmore Banton has a lot to look forward to in the future of his track teams. His young athletes have proven to him that he has a solid, talented foundation upon which to build a champion. Copy by Mike McCrea. Page Design by Sherri Kissinger.

▲ An Ohio track star jumps over the hurdles and lands in a puddle of water.

► An OU pitcher hurls another strike towards the plate. ▼ OU shortstop Damon Wilcox throws and nails the batter at first. Upon the conclusion of the season, Damon was one of the many potential draftees for the Bobcats. ▼▼ The Bobcats come together to congratulate a teammate on a homerun.



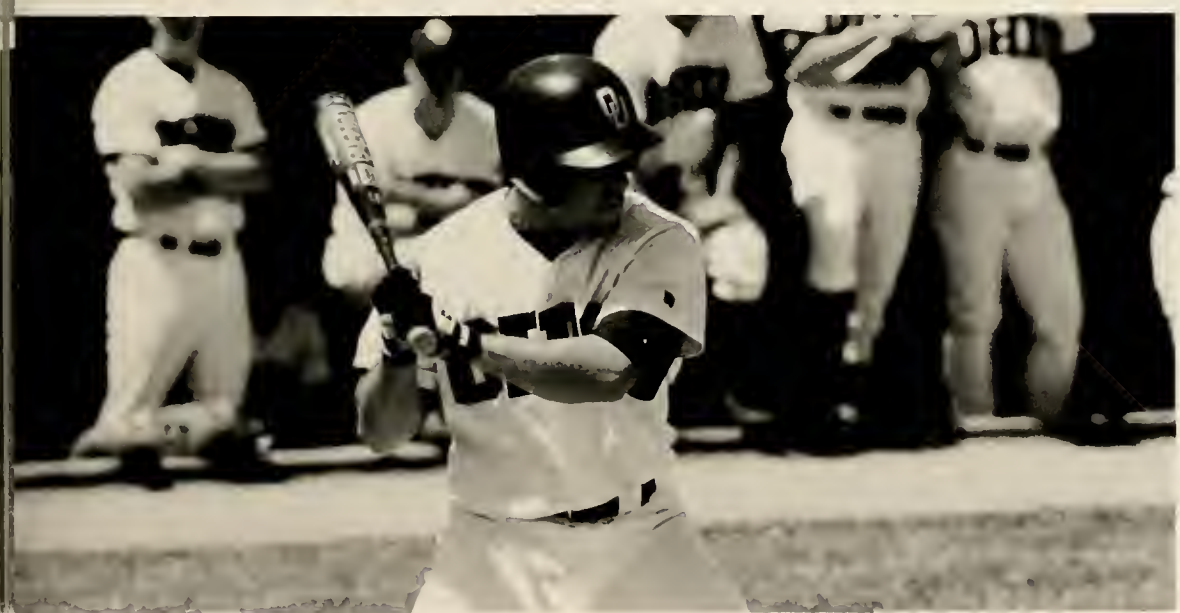
Going Out With a Win

It's hard to say goodbye to an old friend. The OU Baseball team had to say goodbye to Trautwein Field, in its final season in use at the Ohio University campus. However, the Bobcats bid farewell to their home in a remarkable fashion, by winning the MAC Championship, on that same field.

The Bobcats finished off the regular season with a four-game sweep of Akron, closing out their record at 40-16, with a 22-9 mark in conference games, giving them the top seed and home-field advantage for the MAC Tournament. At the tourney, the 'Cats were all business, humiliating Miami 23-4, defeating Ball State 9-6, and finally clinching the conference title with a dramatic 7-6 win over Kent State. The win guaranteed a spot in the national tournament, but also marked the final game at Trautwein, as an historical OU victory.

> "This is the last year at Trautwein Field. We wanted to go out with a win, and we did." OU Head Coach Joe Carbone, after a 7-6 win over Kent.

Along with the conference title, several individual Bobcats were honored with All-tournament honors. They were Shortstop Damon Wilcox, Catcher Brady Gick, Outfielder Jason Graham, and Right Fielder Bart Leahy, whose .714 average, 3 home runs and 8 RBI earned him MVP honors for the tournament. Another bright spot for these champions was the squad of pitchers. Three of these men amassed thirty of the team's forty wins: Tom Miller, Brian Schubmeil, and ace Bobby Sismondo. Sismondo was the star of the season, and earned an invitation to try out for the US National Team, following a 12-1 season. This was Coach Joe Carbone's second championship with the 'Cats. He also won back in 1991, in his first season coaching the team. This year's season was the perfect way to retire OU's Trautwein Field. The Bobcats brought a title back to Athens, and did it at home. Next year, Bob Wren stadium will be opened as the new home of the 'Cats. What better way than to christen it with a repeat performance as MAC Champs? Copy by Mike McCrea. Page Design by Sherri Kissinger.



An OU Bobcat stands at the plate prepared to slam a hit.

BASEBALL

▶The Softball Team: Front Row: Alanna Barker, Krysten Matlawski, Missy Samus, Christy Connelly, and Jen Morris. Second Row: Kaci Coffee, Jaima Holland, Becky Paukst, Jen Sewell, and Wendy Fox. Third Row: Jackie Rensel, Jenn Lutsi, Toni Hileman, and Becky Egelhoff. Back Row: Jenny Merckle, Pam Kollar, and Dawn Gindlesberger.

▼ A Bobcat stares as the ball flies by. ▼▼ #4 for the Bobcats slides aggressively into second base.

Runners Left on Base, Season Stranded

When the Ohio Women's Softball Team had a 6-0 conference record, sports fans began to think that first-year Coach Roanna Brazier might be bringing a title to Athens. Unfortunately, the rest of the season was a bit of a disappointment. After that 6-0 start, the ladies went 10-17, and finished seventh in the MAC.

The most significant factor in this disappointment had to be the team's youth. The team's pitching rotation featured only three starters, with Sophomore hurler Alanna Barker being the most experienced. Freshman starter Toni Hileman made Second-Team All-MAC, winning 15 games with a 1.54 ERA. However, the other two starters combined for a 4.18 ERA and an 8-21 record. These pitchers are young, though, and will improve with every game and every season.

> "We had high, but realistic expectations for the year. Looking on paper, it's disappointing because we're not a seventh-place team."
> — Ohio Softball Coach Roanna Brazier, on the team's disappointing season.

One aspect of the game that didn't trouble the Bobcats was hitting. First Baseman Jen Morris was named MAC Hitter of the Week two consecutive weeks in April, and ended up hitting an impressive .378, good for second-best in the conference. She, along with Shortstop Becky Paukst, a .338 hitter and fifth in the MAC, made First-Team All-MAC. Coach Brazier knew her team could hit the ball, but producing runs was an entirely different story. "We had very good hitting," she pointed out, "but on the stat sheet stands out the number of runners we left on base."

Coach Brazier had served as an assistant under former coach Tracy Bunge. Under Bunge, the team won the conference in 1995 and nearly repeated last season. Both Brazier and the team had to struggle through his change, but Morris praised the efforts of her coach. "It had to be hard for her coming in," she explained, "because we were a winning team last year, and people have a problem making a change like that when the team is winning. But she handled it well." Copy by Mike McCrea. Page Design by Sherri Kissinger.

Jen Morris swings with all of her might to get a base hit, leading the Bobcats to another victory. ◄ Second baseman Jaima Holland ets ready to field another hard ground ball from the opposing team.

SOFTBALL

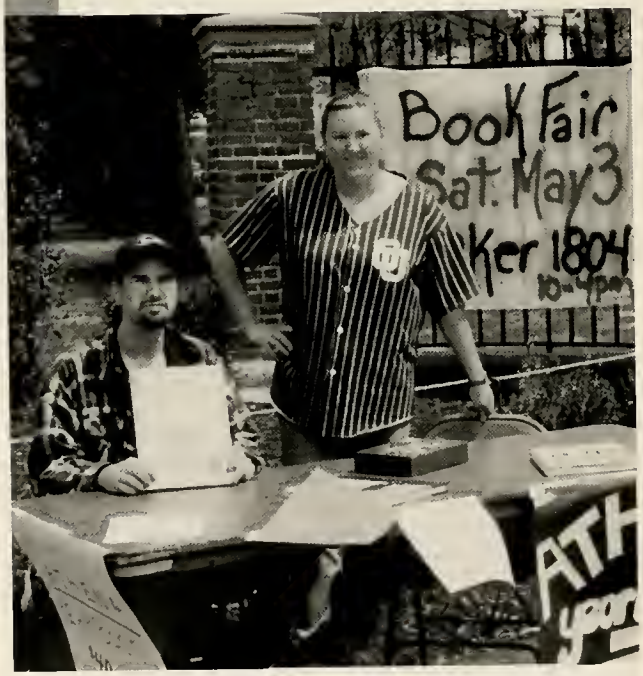
Leave your Mark

While we are passing our four (or five or six) years at Ohio University, many of us choose to spend our free time away from the books. Some may go out drinking every night, but others pursue an even more humanistic goal, through group involvement. These organizations give us a chance to follow our interests, to prepare ourselves for similar situations after college, or simply to become involved in more than academics at Ohio University. One thing common to all organizations is that they provide students with a practical means of gaining the leadership experience needed to excel in today's society. Although none of these organizations give students college credit, what they learn through their involvement can be applied to the classroom setting. Students improve their ability to work as a group, learn the value of meeting deadlines, and develop their leadership potential, while also making a variety of new friends. Of course, there are so many groups on campus that anyone here can find one that fits their interests. Some may be more pertinent than others, but they all play a major role in defining the diverse student population at OU. These organizations help shape us into tomorrow's leaders, while also providing us with a lifetime of friendships and memories. Copy by Mike McCrea. Page Design by Sherri Kissinger.

◄A group of SPA members gather for a picture during the welcome back wig in the fall. ►▲ Lambda Chi Alpha brothers, Adam Kaplan, Joel Foote, Bill Fish and Greg Hess at the Sigma Kappa fall date party. ▲ Lambda Chi Alpha brother Jake Pszonowsky and Alpha Gamma Delta sister Katie Harcourt in the hot tub for Hot Tubbing '97. ► Phi Kappa Tau brothers, Craig Hauzie, Don Jolley, Mike Robich, Chris Lobas, Dave Abbot, Bill Fischer, Andy Flato, Andy Steele, Dan Mehring, Jay Wicland and Jeff Brubcansky pose for a photo at an OU hockey game.

THE ATHENA

At the Athena, our job is to provide you with an informative, yet entertaining view of the year that was. This involves remembering the headlines that inspired heated discussions about campus, recording the successes and hardships of our numerous athletic teams, as well as highlighting some of the lesser-known aspects of life at Ohio University. We have to take nine months of Ohio's history and cram it into roughly 150 pages of photos, text, and memories. The Athena is not simply about facts and figures, though. We have fun meeting new people, experiencing new events, and most of all, learning about our fellow students. This year, as in the past, we began with an executive staff trip to Dallas, home of our publisher. There, we developed this year's theme, while looking through thousands of yearbooks to get ideas about design, features, and cost-cutting measures. We also toured the production plant, which showed us the extreme amount of work required outside of our staff to put a yearbook together. Throughout the year, we struggled with the combination of a small staff, busy schedules and looming deadlines to bring you the history of 1996-7 at Ohio University. Copy by Mike McCrea. Page Design by Sherri Kissinger and Bill Perry.



▲ During Mom's Weekend, the Athena sold yearbooks at the College Gate. Copy editor Mike McCrea and graphics editor Sherri Kissinger work their hours. ▶ On the annual trip to Dallas, Texas to visit the publishing plant, the editors gathered for dinner at the Traildust. Pictured are Mike McCrea, Sherri Kissinger, Angie Penquite, Taylor sales representative Alan Swank, Taylor account executive Amy Overath, and Andrew Robitaille.

▲▲The Athena Executive Staff: left to right: Andrew Robitaille, Jason Harris, Mike McCrea, Kasy Valentine, Sherri Kissinger, Jon Blasco, Sara Maytas, and Angie Penquite. ▲ While at the Traildust in Dallas,Texas Andrew Robitaille takes advantage of the giant slide at the restaurant. Photo by Sherri Kissinger.

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MARCHING 110

This year brought many changes for the Marching 110. But, with their own type of intensity and style, the 110 took these changes and made them part of their tradition.

The main change for the band was a new director. Mr. Sylvester Young, the previous director, had stepped down in January of 1996. After an extensive search, a new replacement was found at the University of Illinois. Mr. Richard Suk was hired as the 110's new director and the learning began. Not only did the band have to learn how to adapt to a new director, Mr. Suk had to learn how to adapt to the 110. Although the process was rough at times, the two managed to work together for a successful season.

Another change was the loss of the band's practice field. Now, instead of practicing on the banks of the Hocking, the band was sent to an unused baseball field. But the band continued marching over the mounds and finally succeeded in breaking in the new field, mud holes and all.

But most aspects of the 110 remained the same. Under the direction of Mr. Suk, the 110 improved its musicality. It also continued to travel, this time out of the country. The 110 was invited to play in Toronto, Canada at a football game there. After a nine-hour bus trip, the band took the field and amazed the crowd, who had not seen a band like the 110.

The Marching 110 continued to amaze Athens and Ohio University. They were seen at every football game and were joined by the Alumni for Homecoming. The season brought changes for the band, but the 110 continued to follow tradition and leave their mark on OU.

► The band marches into formation for pre-game. ►► The band plays their music for the illustrious crowd at one of the few home football games. ►▲ Richard Suk, director of the Marching 110, leads the band in performing "The Star Spangled Banner." ►►▲ Junior Chris Blosser marches during the pre-game show for the OU/Eastern Michigan game. Photo by Shannon O'Brien.

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UPC

The University Program Council arranges OU's entertainment schedule. The council is made up of nine committees to meet the needs of the students: concerts, cultural, entertainment, film and video, lectures, communications, production, recreation, and special events. Students of all backgrounds and majors come together to work out a schedule that will satisfy the OU student body.

Although they usually come under fire for their decisions, UPC continued to bring entertainment to Athens. This past year included acts such as comedian CarrotTop, Barry Williams (aka "Greg Brady"), and the Violent Femmes. UPC also sponsored events such as "Singled Out," held on Valentine's Day. The latest movies from "Jerry McGuire" to "The People vs. Larry Flynn" were brought in to entertain students.

While most of their work is criticized, UPC continues to work to please the OU student body. They welcome all to their meetings in hopes of hearing more student input. With the help of more students, a better, more diverse schedule will be seen.

▲Barry Williams talks about his experience as part of the "Brady" family. ►Barry Williams teaches some select audience members the moves and groves of "Brady Stardom." Photos by Kasy Valentine.

◀Marty Parker, host of "Singled Out," shows his guests their category choices. Photo by Kasy Valentine. ▼ Comedian CarrotTop entertains a crowd during Dad's Weekend. Photo by Dan Lurie.

ASCE

Above: Members of the American Society of Civil Engineers gather at Casino night for the National Engineers Week, Feb. 25, 1997. "Dealer" Linda Stroh and some ASCE members show their winnings.

The student chapter of the American Society of Civil Engineers has had a busy year. They started off fall quarter with a T-shirt and sweatshirt sale to raise money for the year's activities. Winter quarter began for the officers with a trip to the Zone II "Workshop for Student Leaders" in Orlando, FL. It was a great opportunity to meet ASCE students from across the southeastern and midwestern U.S. and to share ideas on community service activities, membership recruitment and retention, and programs. There were speakers on Engineering Ethics and Professional ASCE opportunities, as well as team-building and leadership activities. During winter quarter, ASCE members participated in National Engineers Week, February 21-27. This was the weekend of the regional Steel Bridge Building Competition and Regional Conference hosted by Ohio University's student ASCE chapter during April 4th and 5th. Eight schools from Ohio, Kentucky and Pennsylvania participated in the competition. Friday night at the regional conference and social, one of the professional ASCE members spoke on "Involvement in ASCE Younger Member Groups." The participating teams took turns building their steep bridges that were 19 feet long, 3 feet wide and no higher than 5 feet under the watchful eye of the judges. Then the bridges were put under stimulated loading conditions by doing a lateral deflection test and loading the bridges with 2500 pounds of steel plates for the horizontal deflection. It took a lot of time and work to put together the design for the bridges, but all the teams had a good showing and enjoyed the weekend in Athens.

Below: The Free Burma Coalition: left to right; Mark Bendure, Stephen Fessler, David Whealey, Susan Heitker, Zarni, Jennifer Bale, Lisa Brooten (President), Miwako Oikawa (Vice President), Yubuki Yoshida, Erika Okamoto (Treasurer), and John.

FREE BURMA COALITION

The Free Burma Coalition (FBC) is a rapidly growing umbrella group of organizations around the world dedicated to restoring freedom, democracy and human rights in Burma. The FBC is active in more than 100 colleges, universities and high schools in the U.S. and Canada and works with concerned citizens in as many as 26 other countries. The FBC OU chapter started in the spring of 1996 with only three members.

This organization achieved quite a few achievements. It received as many as 16 members who actively lan and carry out events. The members believe that tabling at the college gate and free movie screenings encourage new students to involve themselves with the group. FCB is planning to continue these events to inform students, faculty and community members about the human rights struggle of the people in Burma.

Another achievement of the FCB was when PepsiCo pulled out of Burma on January 15, 1997 as a result of the efforts of the numerous FBCs and other organizations who put pressure on the company. OU's FBC conducted letter writing campaigns, petition collections, and a rally for this issue. Since foreign investments merely help the Burmese military regime keep in power and continue its slave labor and environmental degradation, their decision of PepsiCo to disengage from he Burmese market is ethically correct.

The FBC had contributed much this year to the fight, but there is a need to emphasize that the great support from the Athens community and Ohio University encouraged them to work towards democracy in Burma. The FBC believes that any small effort can make a change.

INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS SOCIETY

The International Business Society, established in Spring 1990, consists of about 40 members and is always looking for motivated individuals. One of the exciting activities of I.B.S. is a bi-annual trip abroad, accompanied by other events, such as guest speakers. Helping with the International Street Fair, a Parents' Weekend Brunch, and socials. Guest speakers, whether from other countries or the area, discuss various topics, such as global markets, current social occurances, and obtaining a career in International Business. Socials consist of Mardi Gras, a Beaujolais Party, Senior Farewell, and a Homecoming Party, among other fun events throughout the year. I.B.S. is devoted to making its members succeed, and take part in an exciting and fun organization at the same time.

Above: Front row: left to right; Katy Baxter, Cecilia Palffy, David Zand, Beth Sarail, Tasya Sembiring, Donna Clark, Haya Kamhawi, and Nicole Burzanko. Middle row: Matt Cooper, Brent Marinelli, Kelley Russell, Robert Muderick, Meg Glew, Darcie Kindred, Mitch Anderson, Jennifer McGuinness, and David Starr. Back Row: Dustin Johnson, Emily Waggoner, Gabrielle Bucnis, and Kyle Tierney.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT UNION

The International Student Union (ISU) began the year with a dance bash in September at the Swindlefish. It was a successful and much needed effort in familiarizing ourselves with the 22 international member organizations, as well as members of BSCPB, tRAC and UPC. Half of ISU's executives for 1997—communications director, programmer, historian, co-treasurer and newsletter chair—were new to the organization.

The executives' enthusiasm paid off as the success of the dance bash led to another accomplishment in the International Dinner in October, 1996, of which more than 200 professors, students and staff attended the event. Much of the credit also went to the international member organizations and BSCPB, which prepared more than 50 varieties of their national foods that ranged through Turkish, Indian, Japanese, Chinese, African and Malay. ISU donated all the leftover food to the Shelter for the Homeless.

In November, ISU participated in another volunteer effort with the Habitat for Humanity. We spent an afternoon at Amesville to help with the construction for a house for a family.

On May 3, ISU will be organizing the International Food and Fashion Show, and the International Street Fail will be held on May 17.

Below: left to right; Nebiat Soloman, Programming Director, Peck-Lian Gan, Communications Director, Michael Dewolf, Programming Assisitant, Andrew Rettig, Vice-President, Krisha Corbo, Secretary, Chih-Kuo Wong, Historian, Uroof Amjad, President, Marty Parker, Executive at Large, Andy Westfall, Assistant Treasurer, and Rajib Sengupta, Treasurer.

LAMBDA CHI ALPHA

Left: Some Lambda Chi Alpha members are loading the truck with food for the North American Food Drive. Left to right; Bill Miller, Vice-President, Greg Hess, Tim Adams, Brad Hall, Jake Pszonowsky, Marty McCoy, and C.J. Kamalay.

Our Mission Statement: To lead. To serve. To achieve.

We the members of Lambda Chi Alpha are committed to creating a brotherhood of men which promotes the highest standards in morality, academics, social interaction and personal achievement. We will pursue these standards by cultivating the individual strengths of our members through leadership, community involvement and commitment to fraternity.

Lambda Chi Alpha's Alpha Omega chapter was founded at Ohio University on May 18, 1918, and has grown to its current size of 56 men. Highly motivated around campus, in the Athens community and with the Greek community, Lambda Chi Alpha members are involved in 32 different organizations.

Lambda Chi Alpha organizes and participated in three major philanthropies throughout the year:

The North American Food Drive—The North American Food Drive is the world's largest fraternity philanthropy. Nationally, Lambda Chi Alpha raised 835,588 pounds with our chapter contributing 6,219 pounds to charity.

Hot Tubbing—winning the award of "Most Original Philanthropy," Lambda Chi Alpha received sponsorship for spending 24 continuous hours hot tubbing. A little waterlogged and very relaxed, the 24-hour event raised over $1,500 for Athens County Red Cross.

Watermelon Bust—A Lambda Chi original, this event has been dubbed "The Watermelon Olympics." In only its second year at OU, the event has received enthusiastic support with all proceeds benefiting a local charity.

Below: Some members of the National Student Speech Language Hearing Association gather for a picture. Back row: left to right; Melissa Larsen, Kristina Petro, and Kim Hoffman. Front row: Laura Claypool, Trisha Miller, Service Chair, Laura Giffin, and Ashley.

NSSLHA

National Student Speech Language Hearing Association (NSSLHA) is a student organization for undergraduates and graduates in the School for Heating and Speech Sciences. NSSLHA aims at orienting students to the fields of Speech Language Pathology and Audiology, and provides educational experiences through relevant speakers and activities. NSSLHA participates in a variety of community services. We have raised money for a number of needy individuals through a multitude of fundraisers. Ultimately, the group's goal is to integrate students and faculty and to better prepare ourselves for our future professions.

OU AD CLUB

The Ohio University Advertising Association is a collegiate chapter of the American Advertising Federation and provides Ohio University students the opportunity to gain valuable communications experience.

Each year O.U.A.A. members compete in a national advertising campaign competition, travel to New York City and Chicago for career conferences, and attend numerous advertising-related activities and luncheons. These and the many other activities that the O.U.A.A. participates in offer members a chance to meet professionals in their field and make helpful contacts in searching for an internship. Also, the hands-on experience that O.U.A.A. members receive arms them with finished pieces of work that can proudly be displayed in an interview to a hopeful employer upon graduation.

O.U.A.A. involvement is not only a wonderful learning experience but it is also a terrific social opportunity! The O.U.A.A. sponsors plenty of intramural sports teams and outside activities to keep everyone involved and excited!

The O.U.A.A. meets every Wednesday at 6 p.m. in Anderson Auditorium in the Scripps School of Journalism. All majors are welcome and encouraged to attend. Hope to see you there!

Above: Members of the Ohio University Advertising Association.

Phi Kappa Tau

The brothers of Phi Kappa Tau have enjoyed another great year as it celebrated its 87th year at Ohio University. The brothers held their fall Plate party in Marietta on a riverboat which was a blast. Despite the below zero weather. We acquired over 30 pledges this year in the continual effort to bring outstanding men into our brotherhood. Early in the winter we spent the weekend skiing and raising havoc in the West Virginia mountains for our annual ski weekend. We also held our "Dream Girl Formal" in Windsor, Ontario. Everyone had a blast and Abbie Thompson was named our new Dream Girl. Overall the 1996-97 year was another outstanding year in the continual legend of Phi Kappa Tau as we forge ahead into the future of life-long brotherhood.

Below: Some of the Phi Kappa Tau members join for a picture. Left to right; Steve Stebbins, Doug Blard, Brian Smith, Nick Wheeler, and Brian Pappada.

SND

Above: Some members of the Society of Newspaper Design pose for a picture. Left to right: Tina Ullman, advisor, Terri Eiler, J.J. Pastore, Kerri Abrams, Sherri Kissinger, Jon Blasco, Marcy Highswander, and Erin Hall.

Ohio University Society of Newspaper Design is a newly formed student chapter of the national organization, Society of Newspaper Design. SND is a professional organization which recognizes excellence in newspaper and magazine design.

The purpose of OUSND is to provide Ohio University students, who are interested in publication design and graphics, the resources necessary to succeed in both an education and a professional environment, and to provide educational offerings for members. OUSND members will utilize national SND members as speakers, provide workshops and field trips to improve members' job qualifications and education. There is a national membership fee and a chapter fee. The organization meets monthly.

Officers include: President Thea Drew - Vice-President Abigail Friedman - Secretary Beth Barcus - Treasurer Erin Hall. Not pictured: Stan Alost, Beth Barcus, Thea Drew, Abigail Friedman, Theresa Graham, Danica Jakubick, Larry Highswander, Peggie Peattie, Reggie Radniecki, Heather Saul, Ali Schweitzer, Michell Slife, Courtney Smitha, Tina Ullman, and Candace Vickory.

Above: Some members of the Student Personnel Association gather for a photo during the Thanksgiving Feast. Left to right: Allison Sommers, Kevin Parsons, Lou Sofianos, Kristen Flick, Jason Siniger, Mickey Hart, Char Kopchick, and Mac Stricklen.

SPA

The Student Personnel Association (SPA) is an organization for students and supporters of the College Student Personnel graduate program at Ohio University. The organization provides opportunities for members to gain some professional development experience, networking skills and spend non-academic time with fellow students.The organization allows students to learn more about professions in student affairs as well as other related fields. Spa offers support to members facing academic and professional challenges.

In the 1996-1997 school year SPA members attended professional conferences in Chicago, Columbus and Cincinnati to network and give presentations of issues in student affairs. The organization also had Ohio University PresidentRobert Glidden and the Vice President for Student Affairs Joel Rudy speak on various issues facing universities in the future. SPA also began a peer mentoring program where second year college student personnel students offer guidance and friendship to new members.

SWE

With an active membership of 35 strong, the Ohio University student chapter of the Society of Women Engineers is very active within the Russ College of Engineering and Technology. Their meetings are bi-weekly and are used as a planning time for programs and activities. This year they started off by hosting the annual "Meet the Dean Picnic" to welcome the college's new dean, Dr. Kent Wray. This large cook-out event was attended by about 250 students and faculty. The first weekend in November, some of the members attended the Region GSWE Conference, hosted in Pittsburgh, by Carnegie Mellon University. This was a weekend full of workshops on how to make a web-page, speakers and tours of Pittsburgh's many bridges.

National Engineer's week was February 21-25, and the SWE chapter set-up an informational display in the lobby of Stocker Center. The community service projects done this year includes offering free weekly tutoring at Athens Middle School, and a program this spring with local Girl Scout troops to help the girls receive their "Math and Science" badge.

This spring, SWE is busy planning the 3rd annual Engineering White Water rafting Trip on the New River in West Virginia. Also, on Mom's Weekend, SWE is having a brunch with a professional member as a speaker, in addition to recognizing the out-going officers for all of the hard work this past year.

Above: Members of the Society of Women Engineers gather during their lunch break for a photo. SWE went white water rafting on the New River Gorge in West Virginia.

Tau Beta Sigma

The Alpha Delta chapter of Tau Beta Sigma works with the Ohio University bands to promote the bands and women in the band profession. This year the OU chapter added service to the district as another worthy cause.

The OU chapter was chosen to produce a district newletter with their brother chapter of Kappa Kappa Psi here at Ohio University. The newsletter, which provided information to 22 schools in five states, was a way for the two groups to improve relations and to help the district.

The chapter also assisted the bands by promoting events, helping with Homecoming activities, providing a concession stand for Solo and Ensemble contests, and selling uniform items to the marching band members. Also, jointly with Kappa Kappa Psi, the two chapters received a district special projects grant of $500. The money will be used to pay for a commissioned piece for the School of Music. The piece will be premiered at Ohio University in the fall of 199".

The chapter initiated 12 new members in the spring, and they have assisted in all of our activities. The chapter held a Casino date party in the winter and a joint semi-formal with Kappa Kappa Psi in the spring in Lancaster. Many other evenings were used for sisterhood activities, including a senior send-off to let our seniors know they'll be missed.

Above: The Alpha Delta chapter of Tau Beta Sigma after ritual in the spring of 1997.

TRI BETA

Above: Tri Beta members join for a photo. Left to right: Becky Neeley, Historian, Jeff Thompson,Treasurer, Dan Seifert, Vice-President, Maggie Popesco, President, and Pon Lion Tsou, Public Relations Chair.

Beta Beta Beta is a national honor and professional society for students of the biological sciences. A Trim beta chapter offers its members activities and experiences that enriched and extend, but do not duplicate the primary requirements for the biology major. Trim Beta was established in 1922 by Dr. Frank G. Brooks at Oklahoma City University. Ohio University's chapter of Trim Beta was established in 1994.

The national chapter of Trim Beta publishes a national journal BIOS, to recognize outstanding individual and chapter accomplishments. This journal publishes articles by Trim Beta members and articles of national society affairs. Subjects covered include articles on current research, developments in biology, biology as a profession, as well as graduate and professional training for biologists. Special emphasis is placed on the publication of undergraduate research paper.

Each year Trim Beta holds a national convention and regional meetings. These meetings provide a chance to meet other biology students from other schools and to promote biological research.

The local chapter participates with community services. Informal social activities also give the members a chance to meet other biology members and enjoy their free time.

Below: Members of the Wesley Student Center, left to right: Andrea James, Brandi Muller, Becky Hanover, Rick Massoti, Chrissy Stada, Sarah O'Connell, Rev. Joel Harbarger Christina Cooper, and Heather Taylor.

The Wesley Student Center (WSC) is a group of different organizations dedicated to reaching out to OU students in the name of Christ. The center is involved in many different community service projects throughout the year.

Westly Student Center

One program within WSC is Alpha Epsilon Chi, a men's organization that promoted service and fellowship. They are involved in at least one service project a quarter. The men also take time once a quarter to go camping, hiking, rock-climbing or white water rafting.

WSC also has a sister program for women, Kappa Phi. Kappa 'Phi is a national, interdenominational service organization. There are about thirty members in the local chapter. Throughout the year, the group has teas and is also involved in service projects.

Within WSC there is also a Bible study outreach program. Named Potter's Wheel, this group meets once a week to further member's Christian walk through learning the Bible.

By far one of the most popular organizations is the MesSINGers. It is a choir that welcomes anyone who welcomes anyone who would like to come and sing. Once a year the choir tours churches and retirement homes.

The newest addition to the WSC is the Coffee House. It takes place one or two Friday nights a month. It offers an alternative to students in place of the normal Friday night activities. There is generally live music featuring its own band and other entertainment. It's a great way to kick back on a Friday night.

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◄ The International Street Fair is just one of the many projects that the International Student Union helps with. ▼ The UPC's "Singled Out" is always a Valentine's Day hit.

◄▲ SWE takes a white water rafting trip on the New River Gorge in West Virginia. ◄ ASCE builds a steel bridge for the competition on April 5, 1997.

Leave your Mark

Life at OU has left its mark on all of us. And nobody knows this more than the seniors. After four (or more) years of studying, exams, parties, days at Stroud's and weekends in the rain, many are leaving for the "real" world. But who could ever forget shuffling, our personal riot, Palmerfest, the snow days of 1994, Halloween, laying out on the "beach" by the Hocking, climbing Bong Hill, skipping class in favor of sitting on College Green listening to Brother Jed, and the last days before graduation. Whether you heard Matt Lauer or Hillary Clinton speak, the message of graduation was the same—we did it. We survived numerous exams, shuffling, Tier III's, parking tickets, 8:00 a.m. classes, and many hang-overs. Now we face resumes, jobs, maybe returning home, and a new world of opportunities. But wherever we are, we know that OU is always with us. It has permanently marked us, as we have it.

Copy by Angie Penquite.

◄ Graduation was a highlight of many seniors' careers. ►▲ The Senior Class Council's trip to New Orleans allowed Tami Dubick, Angie Roberts, Caroline Miller, and Amy Wagenbrenner to enjoy the Cajin Cabin Bar and Restaurant. ▲ Some seniors were certain there was a job for them somewhere. ► Palmerfest is an event few seniors will ever forget.

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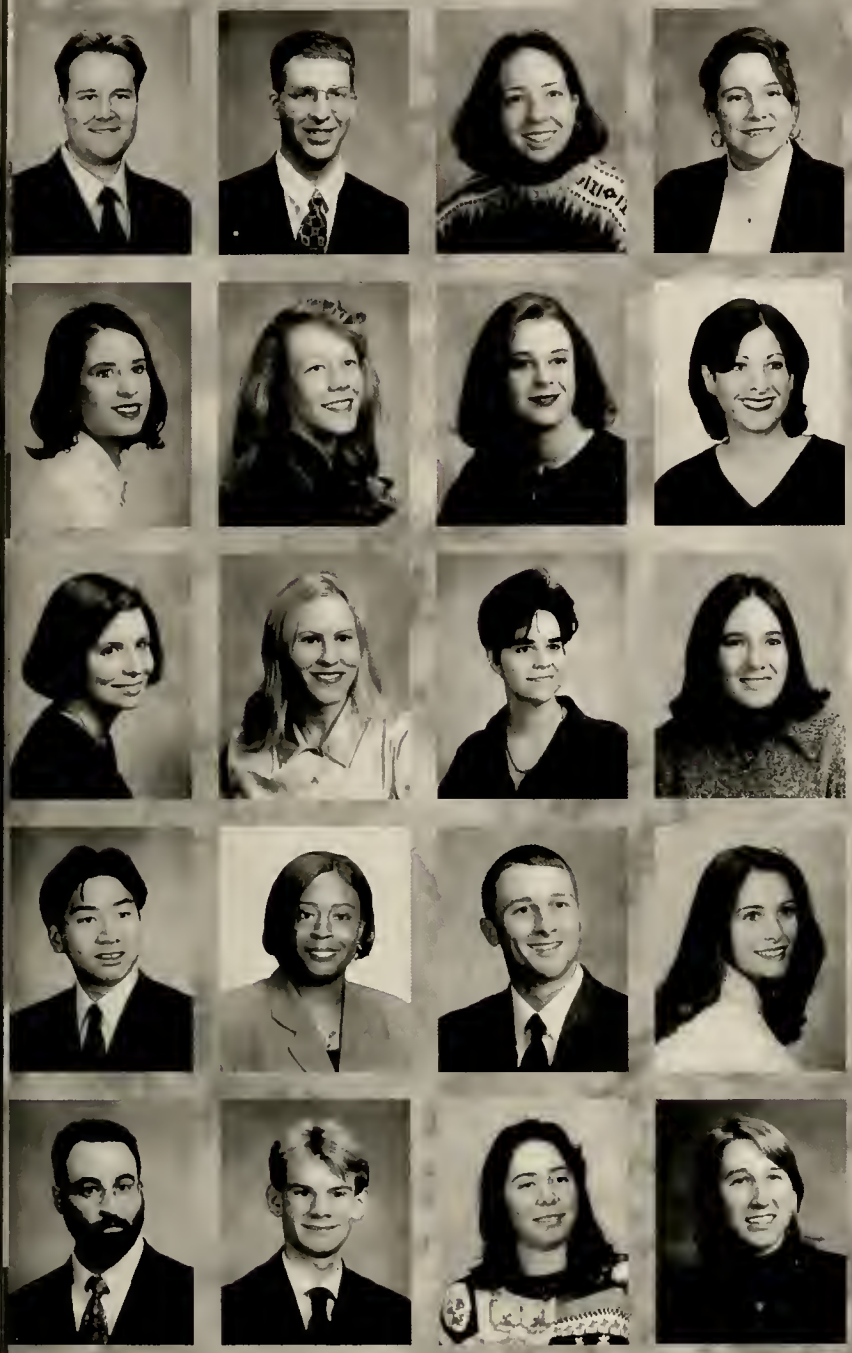

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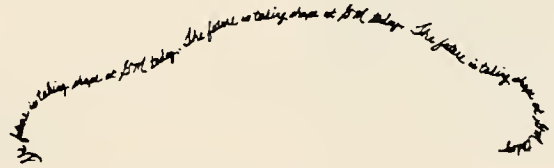

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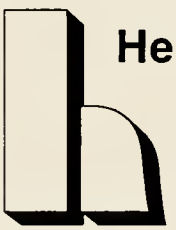

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